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In May 2018, the Iowa Department of Education received approval for the State's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan that was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. The plan includes the following requirements:

- Develop plans for school accountability and support.
- Set achievement goals for all students to reach.
- Identify schools for support and improvement every three years.
- Publish school report cards with data and information.

Schools identified as needing support and improvement will be categorized as Comprehensive or Targeted. A school will be identified for comprehensive support and improvement when its high school graduation rate is below 67.1% and/or the school is in the lowest 5% of Iowa Title I schools based on the accountability measures. A school will be identified for targeted support and improvement when the school has one or more student subgroups performing within the lowest 5% of Iowa schools. The identification is based on the following accountability indicators:

- Student Participation
- Academic Achievement
- Student Growth
- Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency
- Conditions for Learning
- Graduation Rate (for high school buildings only)

The indicators are weighted to determine a score. There will be scoring by state, school district, school building within a school district, and student subgroup within a school building. The student subgroups are as follows:

- Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch
- English learners
- Students with disabilities
- Students by race/ethnicity

Upon receiving a comprehensive or targeted school designation, State and federal support will be available to improve performance. Federal funding of \$6.0 million is available to be distributed to identified schools and Area Education Agencies to support school improvement.

ESSA requires states to publish report cards reflecting the scoring performances. Iowa's online report card is called Iowa School Performance Profiles. The scoring information for the 2017-2018 school year has been made available to the school districts and will be made available to the public in December 2018. The 2018-2019 school year scoring information will be based on the new statewide assessment that will be completed in the spring of 2019.

The report cards can be found [here](#).

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